

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 17, 2002

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met October 17, 2002 in the Faculty Lounge of the University Center at 3:30 p.m. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized the following proxies: Dr. Jerry DeGregory for Senator Winston from Social Work and Criminal Justice, and Dr. Jim Martin for Senator Ruebhausen from Communications and Theatre.

The following senators were present: Barrett, Blose, Bobek, Butler, Figueroa, Haggerty, Holley, Hudiburg, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, McDaniel, Osborne, Roden, Smith, Stokes, Thorne, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Warren, Williams, J. Wilson, P. Wilson, and Young.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Adler, Alexander, Allan, Atkinson, Cai, Foote, Gothard, Himmler, Keckley, Menapace, Miley, and Webb.

The agenda for the meeting was adopted unanimously.

The minutes from the September 19, 2002 meeting were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Makowski reported that the committee studying recruitment and retention has met and determined that there is no common repository and coordination across disciplines concerning these issues.
- B. President Makowski reported that the Deans' searches are now in progress. Monday and Tuesday the college meetings were held. The Senate Executive Committee is working with Dr. Gebert and President Potts to polish the search guidelines, recognizing that these are internal procedures.
- C. The Shared Governance Committee reported that the list of Senate concerns is at the top of the next meeting's agenda. It has been recommended that certain task committees like Readmission, Commencement, and Homecoming have more members added to them. The Shared Governance Committee recognized that the minimum have been selected and at the first meeting of each committee, more members can be elected. It was recommended that if a committee expands its membership, it needs to be communicated to the faculty.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. Senator Turner reported that the Academic Affairs Committee had considered the need for plagiarism software on campus and recommended "turnitin.com." It was also recommended that the university clarify what plagiarism is and how we view it and how it will be handled. Senator Butler moved that the senate recommend the purchase of the services of "turn it in.com." Senator Hudiburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Senator Barrett reported from the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 - a. The committee studied the issue of the crediting of non-tenure track service for tenure consideration. It was discovered that there is a wide diversity of approaches at other institutions. The senate had approved the language "the candidate may elect." The administration wants "the candidate may request." Senator Osborne moved that the Faculty Affairs Committee work with Dr. Gebert to resolve the issue.
 - b. Senator Barrett stated that the committee is working with Dr. Gebert to respond to the SACS recommendation for a more coherent way to evaluate faculty. Peter Selden will be on campus in January to give a workshop concerning faculty evaluation.
 - c. There is a proposal to rename position of Assistant to the President for Minority Affairs to Compliance Coordinator. Several expressed concern that the title does not reflect the true nature of the position.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. due to a loss of quorum.